IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA COLUMBIA DIVISION

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP,

Plaintiff,

v.

TONNYA K. KOHN, in her official capacity as South Carolina State Court Administrator;

DONALD W. BEATTY, in his official capacity as Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court,

Defendants.

ANSWERS TO LOCAL CIVIL RULE 26.01 INTERROGATORIES ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANTS

C/A No.: 3:22-cv-01007-MGL

Defendants, by and through their undersigned counsel hereby submit the following responses to the interrogatories contained in Local Civ. Rule 26.01 (D.S.C.):

1. State the full name, address, and telephone number of all personal or legal entities who may have a subrogation interest in each claim and state the basis and extent of said interest.

RESPONSE:

None.

2. As to each claim, state whether it should be tried jury or nonjury and why.

RESPONSE:

This matter should be tried nonjury because it involves only declaratory and injunctive relief.

3. State whether the party submitting these responses is a publicly-owned company and separately identify: (1) any parent corporation and any publicly-held corporation owning ten

percent (10%) or more of the party's stock; (2) each publicly-owned company of which it is a parent; and (3) each publicly-owned company in which the party owns ten percent (10%) or more of the outstanding shares.

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

4. State the basis asserting the claim in the division in which it was filed (or the basis of any challenge to the appropriateness of the division).

RESPONSE:

Defendants are not aware of any basis to challenge the appropriateness of the Columbia Division.

5. Is this action related in whole or in part to any other matter filed in this District, whether civil or criminal? If so, provide: (1) a short caption and the full case number in the related action; (2) an explanation of how the matters are related; and (3) a statement of the status of the related action. Counsel should disclose any cases which *may* be related regardless of whether they are still pending. Whether cases *are* related such that they should be assigned to a single judge will be determined by the Clerk of Court based on a determination of whether the cases: arise from the same or identical transactions, happening or events; involve the identical parties or property; or for any other reason would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

RESPONSE:

Defendant is not aware of any related action filed in the District of South Carolina.

6. If the Defendants are improperly identified, give the proper identification and state whether counsel will accept service of an amended summons and pleading reflecting the correct identification.

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

7. If you contend that some other person or legal entity is, in whole or in part, liable to you or the party asserting a claim against you in this matter, identify such person or entity and describe the basis of said liability.

RESPONSE:

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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